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SUBJECT: PERU-CHILE DISCUSSIONS OF POSSIBLE BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO THE
SEA

1. THE FIRST ROUND OF DISCUSSIONS BETWEEN CHILE AND PERU ON A
POSSIBLE
OUTLET TO THE SEA FOR BOLIVIA BEGAN IN LIMA ON APRIL 20 AND
CONCLUDED WITH THE ISSUANCE OF A JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON APRIL 23.

2. THE TEST OF THE COMMUNIQUE DOES NOT SPELL OUT THE PARTICULARS
OF THE CONVERSATIONS BUT STATES THAT THE TALKS WERE HELD IN AN
ATMOSPHERE OF "CORDIALITY AND FRANKNESS". THE ONLY AGREEMENT
MENTIONED WAS THE DECISION TO CONTINUE THE DISCUSSIONS IN SANTIAGO
DURING THE LATTER PART OF JUNE.

COMMENTS MADE AT THE AIRPORT UPON THE DEPARTURE OF THE CHILEAN
DELEGATION BY THE HEADS OF BOTH DELEGATIONS WERE UPBEAT IN TONE.
PERUVIAN DELEGATE AMBASSADOR MARCHAND'S REMARKS OPTIMISTICALLY
ECHOED THE CONTENT OF THE COMMUNIQUE WHILE THE CHILEAN DELE-
GATE, DR. JULIO PHILIPPI IZQUIERDO, REPORTEDLY CALLED THE
CONVERSATIONS "VERY POSITIVE."

3. THE CONTINUATION OF THESE BILATERAL CONVERSATIONS IN
SANTIAGO IS A FURTHER INDICATION THAT THE BOLIVIAN SEA OUTLET
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QUESTION INVOLVES COMPLEX ISSUES, AS AMBASSADOR MARCHAND

RECOGNIZED, WHICH WILL REQUIRE MUCH FUTURE STUDY AND DISCUSSION.
IN A CONVERSATION WITH AN OFFICIAL FROM THE OFFICE OF PRIME
MINISTER FERNANDEZ MALDONADO, EMBOFF WAS TOLD THAT THE GOP
COMMISSION STUDYING THE BOLIVIAN OUTLET TO THE SEA QUESTION,
HEADED BY EX-PRESIDENT BUSTAMANTE Y RIVERO, HAS RECOMMENDED
THE "INTERNATIONALIZATION" OF ARICA. CHILEAN CHARGE CISTERNAS
TOLD DCM APRIL 26 THAT TALKS INVOLVE MANY COMPLEX ISSUES, NOT
ONLY PERU'S RIGHTS UNDER TREATY OF 1929 BUT ALSO PROBLEMS IN
PERU-CHILE RELATIONS GOING BACK TO WAR OF THE PACIFIC ERA.
CISTERNAS SAID THIS INAUGURAL ROUND LARGELY DEALT WITH SETTING
PARAMETERS FOR SUBJECTS TO BE COVERED IN SUBSEQUENT DISCUSSIONS
AND ARRANGING SCHEDULE FOR THE SUBSEQUENT NEGOTIATING SESSIONS.
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